Welcome to the second edition of Jimmies Spirit.

The response to the first edition published last year in the lead up to the Past Students Gathering in October has been overwhelming, and I thank all those who contributed photographs and articles. Of course, the most read article that elicited the greatest response was Where Are They Now? And while I, as Principal, am a relative newcomer to St James, I was fascinated to read the stories of the many who have passed through the gates of this extraordinary place and what they are doing now.

Memories of school, teachers and school friends are inevitably dimmed by our subsequent life experiences and when those memories are re-jigged, as it were, through reunions, visits back to the College or the chance meeting of a former school friend, nostalgia often becomes the overriding emotion whether the memories themselves are fond or not so fond!

The story of St James is rich and is very much aligned to the story of Brisbane. It is one of those remarkable places that has adapted itself and reinvented itself in response to the need in the community. The school today is a vastly different enterprise, educationally, than it was 60 years ago, yet the stories are often strangely similar.

Today, the school continues to cater for young men and women from families new to Australia; it is a school for the educationally gifted and also for the struggler; it welcomes students who need extra learning support and students who for some reason have had to leave another school and need a second chance; it provides opportunities for all its students to excel in OP courses or vocationally-oriented courses as well as in sporting and other co-curricular programs.

Someone once remarked that St James is Brisbane’s ‘best kept schooling secret’. It just seems to have always been there, standing quietly on the corner of Boundary and School Streets at the bottom end of Spring Hill, getting on with the job without the flashy buildings or facilities of its nearby educational neighbours, without the playing fields (or even grass, for that matter!), without the trappings of what some would judge to be the necessary benchmarks of ‘private’ education. Yet the students who exit these gates are the equal of any other student and, at the same time, enjoy the same breadth of life preparation and experience as any other.

For some past students, St James was a stepping stone towards a completion of their secondary education at Terrace; for others it was the only school they knew and from which they stepped out confidently into the world. Whatever the case, this place remains special to the hearts of all and I, for one, am extremely proud that destiny has brought me to this position as Principal of this great little school.

Whether our own memories of school are happy ones or not so happy, schooldays remain always etched on our minds. It is hoped that this magazine will continue to assist in fostering your ongoing links with Jimmies. Faithful Forever!

Gerry Crooks
Principal

Jimmies Jersey

The opportunity to purchase a past students’ rugby style jersey, featuring the College crest with the word Jimmies embroidered underneath, has been made available to all past students and current staff of St James College.

Orders are required by Tuesday, 20 March 2012.

The cost per Canterbury jersey is $75.00 (includes GST) and can either be collected from the College Office or for handling and registered postage within Australia (maximum of 3 jerseys) please add an additional $15.00. Orders must be accompanied by payment to proceed.

Should you wish to place an order please contact Naomi Ritchie – (07) 3839 4977 or by email: Naomi.Ritchie@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au
Co-Curricular Update

2012 holds a lot of promise for this year’s cohort in the area of co-curricular activities. Already we have seen the making of champions with several St James students selected to represent their state and country. Two junior students will compete in this month’s national track and field meet in Sydney. Rifat Toto will represent the Queensland Heat track team in the 800m and Vandy Kanneh will defend his gold medal from last season in the 100m and 4 x 100m. Vandy currently holds the record for the state U14 200m, a record that stood for more than 25 years.

Two of the newest past students and joint recipients of the 2011 sports star award have continued their success in 2012. Gasper Obwona, who is studying for an associate degree in Civil Engineering and has just returned from the national U20 basketball tournament in Canberra. And secondly, Sebit Rambang starts his Town Planning degree at UQ this year and has been accepted to reside on campus at EREA College St Leo’s. This will enable Sebit access to UQ sports facilities and to continue his long distance training which has seen him represent Queensland for cross country and athletics.

Other representatives for 2012 are Tomas Cracknell who won bronze in the black belt division at the recent national karate titles and Willi Harris-Tavake who won silver at the national amateur boxing tournament in Tasmania. Year 12 student, Stephen Kiir also represented Queensland at last month’s national U20 basketball tournament and has his sights set on studying at a junior college in the USA.

Year 11 student Zac Telfer will be the youngest member of the Australian swim team to compete at the World Down Syndrome swimming meet in Italy later this year. Another national representative is Laykin Paenga who will take the court for New Zealand at this year’s national U18 girls’ basketball tournament in Perth. St James is brimming with talent and 2012 has only just begun.

The girls AFL 2011 Premiers have been invited to participate in a Premier’s March tournament in Penrith, setting our sights on breaking into the top five at the state carnival. Win or lose, the Jimmies spirit is alive and well.

Faithful Forever.

Andrew Ebrington
Sports Coordinator

Ministry Matters

It was with great joy and delight that I joined the St James College Community in 2012. There are many things which make up St James, all of them unique and important, however the sense of community, or “Jimmies Spirit”, as I have discovered and experienced has been like finding hidden treasure.

Martin Scorsese once said:
“People today only know how to live in society, not community. The soul of society is law. The soul of community is love.”

I am humbled by the actions, words and deeds of so many in the St James Community where students, families and staff work on a daily basis to live the mission of an Edmund Rice School providing a community based on love where each student is loved and nurtured. This is a dynamic and diverse community where I am privileged to now work. The Identity and Mission areas of the College are energetic with many students volunteering freely of their time to give back to their community in the true Edmund Rice way. I look forward to walking the journey with many in the future.

Tricia Parry
Assistant Principal Identity

L-R) Stephen Byrne pictured with Gerry Crooks (Principal) and John Percy (College Board Chair)
College Events

The Beacon Foundation Business Breakfast

St James College enjoys an excellent partnership arrangement with the Beacon Foundation – a consortium set up by business and industry groups to assist students to plan their lives for the world of work. The organization was set up some years ago in Tasmania by a group of concerned business people in response to the increasing number of young people in schools who seemed to lack direction in their lives; many indeed were presenting ill-prepared for the workforce.

Today, the Beacon Foundation works with many schools across Australia and St James is privileged to be one of those schools.

The Beacon program targets Year 10 students and is actually run by a team of students who are known as Beacon Ambassadors. Through the program, students gain experience in job interviews, personal presentation, leadership, exercising initiative, and industry and careers exhibition visits, all of which prepare them for their Work Experience later in the year, but more importantly teaches them much about how to search out opportunities, applying for jobs, building relationship in the workplace and engaging with industry providers.

Industry Appreciation Event

Towards the end of the school year the Vocational Education Department hosts an “Industry Appreciation Event” to acknowledge the outstanding support provided by the many host employers associated with the College.

The College offers as part of its senior studies, Certificate II in Workplace Practices which is undertaken on Wednesdays and continues to provide positive pathways for students to access school based apprenticeships and traineeships whilst attending the College. By completing one day a week work experience across the two years, students are able to familiarise themselves in an area of interest for future employment. The reaction of the program by industry is positive.

David Hopper
Head of Vocational Education and Training

College House Breakfasts

Early in Term 1 of the school year each of the four Houses – Carey, Hogan, Mary Rice and Long, host a “Welcome Breakfast” for the students, families and staff of the respective Houses. These morning, which are organised by the Pastoral Coordinators, are held in the Alfresco Area of the College and are a great way for everyone to meet on an informal basis whilst enjoying a light breakfast.

St James Community BBQ

On Sunday 26 February many in the St James community came together to enjoy a late afternoon barbeque in the college grounds. Caribbean style music wafted through the air whilst much talk and laughter was shared amongst the students, their families and friends and members of the college staff. The senior students provided activities in the college hall for those smaller members of the families who came along. Year 9 student, Tomas Cracknell showed everyone his superb karate skills with the use of nunchucks. Thanks to the P&F, Mr Crooks and all who gave of their time to make this event such an enjoyable time of camaraderie and friendship.
On Friday, 7 August 2011 the second annual gathering of past students of St James College was held in the school hall. This event has proven to be a wonderful opportunity for all past students of the College to visit their alma mater. There were over 100 past students of Jimmies in attendance from 1947 through to 2009 along with 32 staff, the 2011 school’s senior leaders and members of the Brothers James Singers, five of whom are past students.

College Principal, Mr Gerry Crooks welcomed everyone to the Gathering with Mr Peter Egan, Senior Class of 1979, responding on behalf of the past students. The evening was a great reflection of the true spirit of St James and the camaraderie that each carries within themself as a Jimmies’ past student.

The Senior Class of 1981 held their 30 Year Reunion at the Gathering. Tony Iovenitti, Class Captain, ensured that he and those of his fellow classmates in attendance had a truly enjoyable night.

The Brothers James Singers performed a wonderful medley of songs and thoroughly entertained everyone. Their rendition of *I am Australian* being a definite favourite and their finale for the evening. It was wonderful to welcome back to Jimmies, past students - Neil Duncaife, John Lambourne, Frank Leeson, Paul Lillis and Terry Maguire. The group were led by Mrs Jo Leeson and accompanied by Mrs Mary Coman on keyboard.

At the request of a number of past students, Mr Don Howes together with his son Jonty (Year 10 Carey House) led a tour of the St James Room which brought back many nostalgic memories for all who took this trip down memory lane.

The senior leaders of 2011 provided wonderful hospitality throughout the evening and thoroughly enjoyed meeting those who have gone before them.

A number of people’s support went a long way to ensuring the evening’s success. Mrs Maria Attenborough and staff from the Wellington Apartment Hotel for running the bar and kindly donating the bar profits to the College. Mr Don Howes, current parent and member of the P&F College staff: Mrs Mary Clarke, Mr Barry Bishop, Mr Richard Occhipinti, Mrs Roslyn Murray, Mrs Valmai Whye, Mr Chris Church and Mr Tony Holloway. Students: Jonty Morris-Howes, Domenic Mallett, Noah Lloyd and Nathan Schumacher, our Year 10 ‘in-house’ photographer.

The 2012 Past Students Gathering promises to be bigger and as good, if not better, as we welcome not only those students from years gone by but also our most recent past students – those who have just graduated from St James – the Senior Class of 2011.

Naomi Ritchie
Executive Assistant
Memories of Kevin Elford

My name is Peter Egan and I attended St James’s Christian Brothers School from Years 6 to 12 in the late 1970’s. I really loved going to school at St James because of the many wonderful people I encountered there. In my memory it was a very friendly place. Many of my closest friends are people who I met at St James.

I’m a teacher myself and I have found that schools, by and large, are fairly conservative places. Nothing truly outrageous happens very often. But once in a while, as with life in general, you come across someone who seems ‘larger than life’. I believe Kevin Elford was one of those people.

Kevin was often the first person that students encountered in the mornings with his booming voice emanating from the tiny bookshop that he dutifully manned before school. He had the stationery market well and truly cornered as he could strap students for not having the correct equipment in Technical Drawing and GD & P lessons! Kevin was a skilled teacher in these subjects and many Jimmies students have gone on to use these skills as Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen.

He was also the very enthusiastic House Master of O’Quinn House. Once again his boundless energy added a lot of fun to events such as swimming and athletics carnivals, walkathons, concerts and camps, especially the CLAG camps he supported with Fr Dom.

Kevin loved to sing, especially at liturgies, and I believe it was he who penned the School Song that we sang in the 70’s. I remember singing it very proudly. Who could forget those rather pompous sounding lyrics?

‘The mantle of greatness she has shouldered
For Over one hundred years.
She has given the men she has moulded To do her work in all spheres.
St James’s, Alma Mater,
Education’s bastion.
God progress her forever,
Down a century of years.
Let her patron, glorious St James,
Smile on her efforts sublime.
Let her count not only her glories But to advance for God and time.’

Kevin was a skilled teacher and went to the Christian Brothers’ Teachers College in Sydney. In 1959 he began his teaching at Jimmies teaching in Sydney. He did teacher training and his first posting was to a Queensland country school. Later he moved to NSW which also included teaching at St James’s College in Brisbane.

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‘Mr St James’s: Inspiring Teacher at St James’s

Kevin Elford was born in Maryborough and went to the Christian Brothers’ School there. His early love of singing was developed by a Brother on staff whose choirs it was an honour to be chosen for. He did teacher training and his first posting was to a Queensland country school. Later he moved to NSW which also included teaching in Sydney.

In 1959 he began his teaching at Jimmies in the Primary Classes. In time he ranged further afield teaching Technical Drawing, Geometrical Drawing and Perspective, English, Mathematics and Christian Living through to the upper secondary. He became ‘one of larger than life personalities’ as past pupil Peter Egan wrote:

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About 1972 he wrote the words of the then new, stirring School Hymn, ‘Alma Mater’ which continued in use till the 1980’s. It reflected his ‘great pride’ in Jimmies. In his later years at the school he was Deputy Principal 1978–80 and Acting Principal for six months in 1978. In 1980 Br Bill Tynan HM 1980-86, who is currently concluding ten years of missionary work in Dili, East Timor wrote of Kevin concluding twenty two years at Jimmies:

‘All of us are sad to see Kevin go; his contribution has been outstanding and lasting. He has always had the good of the school at heart- but in particular the special needs of those at the school who have had to struggle.’

Some quite grand sentiments which reflected Kevin’s great pride in St James’s.

As a student I can only really recall one specific lesson of Kevin’s – it was in Religious Education. He proposed the following situation – If you lived in a country where Christianity was outlawed and you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence, upon examination of your life, to prove that you were a Christian? A good question that I’ve pondered on a number of occasions throughout my life. It was a memorable lesson from a good teacher.

Kevin would not recognise some things about the modern St James College – great new facilities, a co-educational environment and his beloved O’Quinn House has been changed to Mary Rice House. But he would be very familiar with other aspects. He would still find a friendly place full of good people. He would still find a school that welcomes students from all over Brisbane. He would still find a place that promotes Gospel values with a strong Edmund Rice influence in Social Justice. He would still love the place!

In summary, Kevin Elford was one of those larger than life people. He was passionate and energetic. He loved St James through and through. Surely he is now reaping the eternal rewards for the good things he did at Jimmies.

We say farewell to him with respect and admiration.

Kevin Elford (1932–2011)

He will leave a large gap here but we hope he will find satisfaction in his new role as Religious Education Coordinator at CBC Maryborough.

In going back to his hometown Maryborough he returned to live in his family home in Elena St. He concluded his teaching career there aged sixty two retiring to the Sunshine Coast, later moving to BallyCara Retirement Village, Scarborough about 2005. Till his death there on August 26th 2011 he was very much involved in the social activities, sing-songs and chapel liturgies typical of the Kev Elford of old.

Close friend and fellow teacher at Jimmies, Mr Mario Patane arranged the Farewell Liturgy while Br Vic Larkin HM 1992-93 gave the eulogy. His burial was back in Maryborough.

To conclude I again quote from Peter Egan:

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Br B W Steele
Dr Robert Anderson (1938 – 1940)

Students at St James College were excited to welcome back to the school noted Aboriginal Elder, Dr Robert (Uncle Bob) Anderson OAM.

At a full College Assembly held on 10 November 2011, Dr Anderson, a past student of St James (1938 – 1940), was presented with a special framed certificate by Br Peter Harney, Deputy Provincial of the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers, acknowledging and honouring his outstanding contribution to Aboriginal affairs in the State of Queensland over many years. Over a long and distinguished career, Uncle Bob has had an extraordinary impact as a leading figure in the community in Indigenous issues as well as Union affairs.

In 2000 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the Queensland University of Technology and in 2001 received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to youth welfare, social justice, reconciliation and cultural identity of Aboriginal people. In the same year, Uncle Bob was invested as a ‘Queensland Great’, honouring ‘living legends’ who have played a significant role in the history and development of the State.

At the time of his retirement in 2003 as Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Board to the Queensland Government, the then Premier, Peter Beattie, said, “He (Uncle Bob) had brought wisdom, intelligence, sensitivity and courage to his role as Government Advisor. He remains a very humble and gracious man and has been tireless in his efforts to promote self-determination for his people.”

It was a truly great honour for the College to have Dr Anderson visit his alma mater. It’s good to see the old school prospering.

Dr Robert Anderson & Br Peter Harney

In a moving tribute to Uncle Bob, members of the College’s Indigenous Dance Group performed the traditional Yawahyou, a dance where the good spirits are bestowed on the visitor and the old spirits farewelled. In 2012 the Christian Brothers in association with the Edmund Rice Network will introduce a public lecture dedicated to themes of Reconciliation and Justice which will be named in honour of Dr Robert (Uncle Bob) Anderson.


I started at St James in Grade 5 in 1971. In those days you had to sit for an exam prior to being accepted as a student. I sat next to Chris Hutchinson for the exam and we both passed.

Our first teacher in Grade 5 was Brother Edwards whom we all feared because of the dreaded strap which was dished out on a daily basis. There were about 40 students in the class and each morning our desks would be checked to make sure they were neat and tidy and also before school there was an inspection to make sure your tie was on neat and tidy; your shoes were shine, your nails were cleaned and your hair was above the collar. If you hair was not above the collar you were sent home to get a haircut.

We all walked hundreds of kilometres in marathons to raise money to build a swimming pool on what was known as the “tennis court”. I don’t believe the pool has ever been built.

I enjoyed the sporting part of school life rather than the academic part and have fond memories of cross country, athletics, swimming, rugby league, soccer and then on a Thursday we would do different things such as ice-skating, roller skating and squash. Thursday was always the best day of the week because we could wear what was called our sports uniform which meant you could wear whatever you wanted as long as you were tidy.

Brother Langdon was the Principal when I started however Brother Steele became the Principal not long after and was still the Principal when I left in Grade 12.

I had four brothers who also attended at St James i.e Greg, Stephen, Jon and David. My best mates are still blokes from school like Glenn “Cervi” Cervetto, Martin “the Sheep” Giaroli, Rocky Iovenitti and Glenn “Cervi” Cervetto.

Bradley Tubb (1975 – 1979)

I attended St James from Grade 8 to 12. After school I completed a Degree in Mechanical Engineering at UQ. I then worked with the Commonwealth Government in Canberra in the areas of intellectual property and energy (1986-1997). I returned to Brisbane in late 1997 and since that time have worked with the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

I’m married with two boys aged 16 and 18.

Dennis Bree (1961 – 1966)

I was a student at St James from 1961 (5th Grade) until 1966 (10th Grade) and then went on to St Joseph’s Gregory Terrace for 11 and 12 as it wasn’t provided at that time although my three younger brothers – Bernard, Noel and Patrick did continue.

I now live in Darwin and have done so since 1974 where I went as a just graduated engineer (QUT). My current role is Chief of Staff to the Chief Minister.


I attended St James for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10, leaving in 1970 (10th Grade). I live in Melbourne now and have done for a long time. I haven’t been able to attend past Reunions but have often wondered where some of the great boys from Jimmies are now – Kevin Wise, Paul Weinert, Tony Dwyer, Peter Lewis and plenty more.

John can be contacted through John.York@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au


I was raised in Brisbane’s Woodridge and really enjoyed my time at St James. I chose journalism as a career pathway after graduating from school.

In 2010 I felt extremely privileged to be the first ever recipient of the Clinton Grybas Media Scholarship. The scholarship has meant so much to me for a number of reasons.

Where are they now?
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Kerry Jones (Graduated 1967)

I left Jimmies and joined the Royal Australian Navy, transferred into the Regular Army and became a civilian after 34 years of service. I always wondered what happened to Mr Ef ford, Mr Rogers and Mr Forster. The only brother I remember was Brother Harding. Classmates from memory Imre Radiks, Paul Kelly, Nick Geiger, Charlie Nucifora, Rocco and Richard – a long time ago!

Kevin Crowe (1936)

In October last year members of the St James College community were invited to attend the book launch of “Whistle Up a Storm” by former by former Test Referee and QLD Rugby player Kevin Crowe. The book, launched by former Wallaby Captain Paul McLean at the Queensland Rugby Club, chronicles QLD Rugby since the end of World War II. Kevin received the Order of Australia Medal for service to Rugby in 2003.

Livio Taraborrelli (1964 – 1969)

I attended St Jimmies from 1964 (Grade 8) to 1969 (Senior) and my year (Red and Gold classes) was the first to expand St Jimmies to Year 12. We were the first to occupy the ‘new’ building (Science/Woodwork), which we used for three years as the school ‘seniors’ (for Years 10, 11 and 12). Prior to this St Jimmies only went to Junior (Year 10).

I obtained a Diploma in Architecture at QIT in 1978, was involved as Project Architect for Stages 1 and 2 of the ‘Tom Carey’ wing and also for the ‘front office’ refurbishment with Br Steele. I went into private practice in 1986 and am currently a Sole Practitioner Architect.

I was also a musician, and with other boys, started our first band playing three tunes at St Jimmies Speech Night at City Hall (1968), wherein we were booked for a function at the National Hotel and we then kept playing together, almost always with ex-St Jimmies boys, until 1998. After that I have been continuing as a ‘one-man-band’ for small parties etc as my hobby.

I had two younger brothers follow me at St James in the ’70s and ’80s.

Mark Waugh (Class of 1979)

My last year at Jimmies was in 1978, Year 11. I am a self-employed printer ‘Perfect Print’.

Tony Palella (1972 - 1976)

I had the pleasure of attending St James between 1972 and 1976 when I graduated to attend the University of Queensland at St Lucia where I completed an Arts Law Degree as was the practice in those days.

I have, after a number of decades in the legal profession and a number of different reincarnations, returned to my roots so to speak.

I have for the last 8 years or so based my practice, PHV Law, at Cathedral Village located in Wickham Street Fortitude Valley, virtually under the shadow of St James.

The greatest benefits endowed to me during my time at St Jimmies apart from course of a well rounded education were the enduring friendships that were created during that time. To this day, almost 36 years since departing St James, I still have frequent regular contact with quite a number of my old school mates with whom my relationship has been cemented by the Christening of their children and vice versa. I also have ongoing contact with quite a number of others (some from time to time also in a professional capacity).

While my professional career has been demanding and fulfilling, I probably have got the greatest amount of satisfaction from my involvement in the community. I presently am involved in a large community welfare organisation offering services to the elderly as well as acting as Honorary Solicitor to a number of Italian community organisations. These together with my four children well and truly keep me busy.

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**Reunions**

**Senior Class of 1979**
The Class of ’79 is having a joint 50th Birthday Celebration at the Doomben Races on Saturday, 24 March 2012. Please contact Peter Egan for details at pegan@padua.qld.edu.au

**Senior Class of 1972**
The Class of ’72 are in the process of planning a 40 year reunion with the venue and date yet to be arranged. Please contact Steve Bridges on 04 1 7 737 796 or at steve_bridges@hotmail.com.au to express your interest and for further details.

**Senior Class of 1969** (Junior Class of 1967)
The Senior Class of 1969 (Junior Class of 1967) will be holding a Class Reunion on Friday, 27 July 2012, the week of the Feast of St James. Those attending will meet at the College at 5.00pm for a tour of the school followed by pre-dinner drinks and nibbles. The group will then continue on to The Vietnamese Restaurant, 194 Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley for dinner around 7pm for 7.15pm. A private room has been provided for the Reunion. All enquiries to Brian Larter at larters1@bigpond.com or by phone (07) 3261 8485.

**Past Students Gathering 2012**
The annual Past Students Gathering will be held in the St James College School Hall on the evening of Friday, 12 October 2012. An invitation to the Gathering will be included in the September edition of Jimmies Spirit. Please set aside this date in your calendar now. Enquires can be directed to Naomi.Ritchie@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

**Deaths**


(Jan 2012) Mr Alfio Nicita, father of past pupils Tony and Joe Nicita.

(Sept 2011) Mr John Daamen, College groundsman for many years who was much loved and respected by all in the St James community.

**News**

Congratulations Martin! Parliament House has purchased “Welcome to Brisbane” an acrylic on canvas painted by Martin in 2010. The painting, pictured below, is to be permanently hung in Parliament House Canberra’s Art Collection.

Naive artist, Martin was one of 10 artists featured in the recent Story Bridge Exhibition at Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery, Paddington.

New paintings by Martin can be viewed at his forthcoming solo Exhibition Martin and the Animals to be held at Robyn Bauer Studio Gallery from 4 - 28 April, 2012. The Official Opening on Thursday, 5 April 2012 will be opened by Mr Bruce Heiser, Director of Heiser Galleries.

Pat Zalewski (1959 – 1962)
I attended St James from 1959 to 1962 and left to live overseas as a teenager in Rabaul, New Guinea in the mid 1960’s. I was in a bank and the man standing next to me, to my utter astonishment was Gordon Marsden, a former St James classmate! I settled in New Zealand in 1970 and represented that country as part of their karate team for the World IAKF Championships in Los Angeles in 1975. In 1999 I returned to Australia, settled in Cairns and took a Masters of Philosophy in History at JCU. At present I am semi-retired and do volunteer work for the Historical Society of Cairns, and get as much of the relaxed lifestyle as possible.

Stay Connected

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- Have you been doing anything we should know about?
- Please advise if you would prefer not to receive information from the Past Students’ Association.

![“Welcome to Brisbane” - Martin Edge](image-url)